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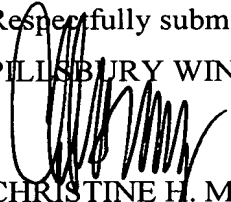
By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled the rejected claims without prejudice or disclaimer and claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 12, such that the claim objection is removed. Thus, allowable claims 2-4, 6-8, 12-14, and 17-21 should now be allowed.

In view of the foregoing, the pending claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and a notice indicating such is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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